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E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: IE SHIMA SHOOTING INCIDENT

REF: STATE 98516

1 APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSE.

2. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED CONCERNS EXPRESSED REFTEL WITH FNOFF. FONOFF UNDERSTANDS CLEARLY THAT USG CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENT TO PUNISH AIRMEN INVOLVED BUT IS UNABLE ACCEPT LANGAUGE PROPOSED PARA 2 REFTEL. GOJ DECISION NOT TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION INVOLVED DIFFICULT INTER-MINISTERIAL STRUGGLE AND IS EXPECTED TO CREATE STRONG ADVERSE PUBLIC REACTION IN LIGHT OF RECENT CASE ON OKINAWA. GOJ HAS ACCEDED TO BASIC USG POSITION AND NOW NEEDS MOST POSITIVE FORMULATION RE USG INTENT.

3. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, FONOFF HAS PROPOSED FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE LANGAUAGE: QTE THE PROPER U.S. AUTHORITIES WILL PROMPTLY TAKE APPROPRIATE CRIMINAL AND OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE AIRMEN INVOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITHTHE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE AND INFORM THE GOVERNMENT
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OF JAPAN OF THE RESULTS. UNQTE: IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY

SUGGESTION THAT WORD QTE DISCIPLINARY UNQTE MIGHT BE MORE
PREFERABLE THAN QTE CRIMINAL OR DISCIPLINARY UNQTE FONOFF
POINTED OUT THAT USE OF BOTH WORDS DESIGNED TO REFLECT
THEIR USE IN SOFA ARTICLE XVIII WHICH
CONVEYS IMPRESSION THAT DISCIPLINARY ACTION IS LESSER ACTION.

4. EMBASSY BELEIVES THAT PROPOSED LANGAUAGE MEETS DEPARTMENTS
CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

5. PRESENT PLAN IS FOR DCM TO MEET WITH ARITA MORNING OF
MAY 6 AFTER WHICH USG IS FREE TOEXERCISE JURISDICTION. GOJ
PLANS TO REVEAL OUTCOME DURING DIET COMMITTEE SESSION
SCHEDULED MAY 7. SINCE MAY 5 IS HOLIDAY, EMBASSY NEEDS DEPT
RESPONSE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS HERE MAY 2ND.

6. PLEASE NOTE THATFONOFF INTENDS TO THREAT MEMORANDUM AS
CONFIDENTIAL DRAWING ON ITS SUBSTANCE WHEN DISCUSSION DISPOSITION
OF CASE IN DIET.
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